

Congressman Steve King today made the following statement in response to comments made by Senator Tom Harkin in support of moving Guantanamo Bay prison detainees to American soil. Congressman King visited the Guantanamo Bay facility in March.

"I disagree with Senator Harkin. There is no rational or legal reason to bring the terrorists at Guantanamo Bay to American soil. The bottom line really is that if these terrorists are released, innocent people will die and some of them likely will be Americans."

From the Des Moines Register's website:

"I don't know what the big deal is about housing these prisoners," Harkin said during a conference call with reporters. "I mean, if you keep them under lock and key, what's the big problem? I don't understand that."

Harkin said detainees now in the military detention center on the U.S. Naval base in Cuba could be put in military prisons.

Harkin noted that the military base at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has a maximum-security prison.

"If I'm not mistaken, we have military facilities in the United States that could house these prisoners," Harkin added. "We've got plenty of places here in this country for them."

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